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A dents' furnishing goods department has been added to Shayne's State street store.

LAND OF DROUTHIE CRONIES

Convival Caledonia's Curious Inns and Hotels and Some Facts About Them.

Robert Kempt has gathered together many interesting historical items and quaint anecdotes about the inns and hotels of Scotland, says the Caterer. It must be confessed the historical side begins very late, for in olden days inns were practically un-known over the border, travelers being received in private houses as guests. Consequently there is no record of such ancient London hostelries as the Tabard, in Southwark; the Mermaid, in Bread Street, or the blue loar, in Eastcheap. When De-foe went to cotland he had disculty in finding an inn at Aberdeen, and thus in spite or a royal edict issued by James I. in 1424, to the elect that in all borough towns where there was considerable traffic, hostelries should be established, but these institutions did not flourish till very much later. Mr. Kempt gives some amusing information as to the pains and penalties enacted in the fifteenth and seventeenth centuries regarding the hours of closing, drunkenness, etc. The inns of Aberdeen are ac-corded a whole chapter, for there is much 'o say about those of the last-century. They practically formed open clubs for the wits and learned men of the hospitable city. Over very modest repasts and potations, grand symposia were held; the philosophers lived low, but thought and spoke high. Dr. Johnson seems to have appre-

clated the Aberdeen ions; he found them almost as congenial as his haunts in Fleet Street, and certainly far better than the Scottish houses of entertainment. Among other interesting items of information Mr. Kempt points out that whisky is a comparatively modern beverage, and that in olden days claret was almost as much drank as ale. The Regent Albany is supposed to have made claret popular. In 1480 red Gascony wine sold in Aberdeen at sixpence a pint, and later on claret and pot wine could be had at eighteenpence a bottle. Indeed, claret and port in haunts in Fleet Street, and certainly a bottle. Indeed, claret and port in those early days could be procured cheaper in Scotland than in most parts of England. In the cities and country side are many inns with his-torical interests attached to them. In the inversalid Arms Hotel, Braemar, is the stone on which the standard of Mar was raised in 1745, the beginning of Prince Charle's wild escape. Other inns are associated with names venerated in Sottish history and literature. There are many inns in the Highlands closely connected with Burns, the Ettrick Shepherd, Sir Walter Scott, and other kindred glants of oid. Scott mentions that it used to be the fashion to cat oysters in the Covenant-Close, Edingburgh, and Mr. Kempt-has gathered together many details as to this once tashionable form of indulgence. During the eighteenth century it seems that the best society in the Scottish capital, ladies and gentlemen, used to make parties at one of the taverns in "Auld Reekle," there to partake of oysters and porter, ending up with brandy and rum punch, with songs and danc-ing. Some of these old Aberdenian and Edinburgh inns were the ancient bouses of noble families, great rambling buildings, with many rooms, some of remarkably fine proportions. Even a few of the country inns wereformer mansions of the lairds of the

Wood Stone.

The manufacture of xyolith, or wood stone. has been undertaken on an extensive scale by a Dresden firm, and its use as a building material is said to be increasing. It is composed, in due proportions of magnesia. cement, or calcined magnesia, mixed with sawdust, and saturated with a solution of chioride of calcium, the pasty mass, before the cement sets, being spread out into sheets of uniform thickness and subjected to great pressure, then dried Tests made of chemical and mechanical qualities show that the dry material is much superior to the same soaked withwater, dry specimens resisting a tendency of about 100 pounds per s quareunch, while plecos saturated with. much. Soaking the dry material in-linseed oil increased the tensile-strength about 16 per cent., and freezing diminished it slightly. The resistance to compression proves tohe about 300 pounds to the square-inch, this being diminished about 10 per cent by freezing and increased to about the same extent by careful drying and saturation with linseed oil. When immersed in water unbroken sheets of the perfectly dry material took up 2.1 per cent. of their weight of water in twelve hours, and 3.8 per cent in 216 hours; broken fieces absorbed in the same time about 20 per cent. more water than the unbroken sheets. It is stated as a somewhat singular fact that, though this remarkable ma-terial was invented and brought to public notice more than ten ears ago, until now has its value been made apparent.-Sun.

No Objections Offered.

A young man of Detroit, who writes poetry now and then, spent several weeks of the past summer in one of the interior towns, where he loafed around a newspaper office, and did up a number of local events in poetic measure. One day a prominent citizen died and a friend of his, who knew the young man and his poetry, called on the editor to see about a

funeral notice. "We have it in good shape," said

the editor. "All the facts?" inquired the friend.

"Yes, and a poem by our visiting poet from Detroit." The friend began rubbing his chin

in grave doubt.
"All right, all right," he exclaimed, brightening; 'I suppose it will be safe enough for the young fellow; the man will be buried before the poem

No American.

If a man is determined to be in the fashion nothing can stand in his way. Thus we read in Life: "You will have to wear spec-tacles," said the occulist.

"I'd pwefer a monocle," answered Chapple.
"But both your eyes are affected."